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Mission Statement

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MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
November 22, 2011
Education Service Center – Board Room

- 1.00** President Martin called the Meeting to order at 6:30p.m.
Roll Call was taken with the following members present: Mrs. Tammy Harold, Mr. Andy Holloman, Mr. Dave Martin, Mr. Rusty Moomey, and Mr. Chris Wright.
- 2.00** **Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance**
President Martin welcomed those in attendance and invited them to join the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3.00** **Approval of Agenda**
President Martin requested a motion to approve the agenda.

Director Harold moved to approve the agenda. Director Holloman seconded the motion.
Vote: Mrs. Harold, aye; Mr. Holloman, aye; Mr. Martin, aye; Mr. Moomey, aye; Mr. Wright, aye. Motion carried.
- 4.00** **Board Update**
Chris Wright thanked Dave, Andy and Rusty for their service on the Board. He enjoyed working with them and appreciated their dedication to the students and the district.

Rusty Moomey thanked the Board for the opportunity that he has had to work with this Board. He wished the new Board good luck.

Andy Holloman thanked his wife for her understanding and support as he served on the Board. He appreciated the opportunity to serve where innovation could occur. Changes are here to stay in education and we will become more efficient. He also thanked the teachers in the district for their dedication to our students. The administration has been very supportive and he has appreciated that. He also thanked the individual Board members for their support. He wished the new Board good luck.

Tammy Harold stated that it has been an honor to serve with Dave, Andy, Rusty and Chris. She will always remember from Dave to be respectful when disagreeing. Andy gave guidance in long range plans. Rusty gave input from an educational standpoint. She also appreciates the fact that Chris is willing to take a stand on issues coming before the board.

Dave Martin said that it has been a wonderful experience. This is an addicting position and as a Board the new one will continue to make changes. His children graduated from SCHS and VRHS. He thanked his wife for supporting him in everything he has done. He along with some other people will be starting a foundation to help families within the district and in the Springs.

5.00 Open Forum

Mark MacKenzie asked that his questions be on record for the Board.

Had six questions he wants answered by the Board and District?

1. Why does the Special Services Department want all SPED students to submit CSAP test responses?
2. Why are SPED parents NOT told UPFRONT that CSAP is optional?
3. Can CSAP be used punitively against a SPED student to deny them additional services via the IEP process?
4. I have recently started voice recording IEP meetings (you can probably guess why). Why does the district not take the initiative and voice record every IEP meeting (in its' entirety) – providing the media file to the SPED parents sometime soon after the meeting?
5. What specific actions does a SPED parent need to take to be permitted school access to observe formal and informal evaluation testing directly and indirectly affecting the IEP?
6. Where exactly IS the line between authority of my principal and authority of Special Services when it comes to requesting And allocating services (Currently told – ask your mother, ask your father)?

6.00 Administer the Oath of Office to the New Board of Education Directors

Joan Johnson, Marie LaVere-Wright and Chuck Irons were sworn in as District 49 Board of Directors.

Tammy Harold and Chris Wright presented Dave Martin, Andy Holloman, and Rusty Moomey with plaques of appreciation for their service on the Board.

7.00 Action Items

7.01 Election of Board of Education Officers

Director LaVere-Wright moved to have voting by written ballot. Director Johnson seconded the motion

Vote: Mrs. Harold, aye; Mr. Irons, aye; Mrs. Johnson, aye; Mrs. LaVere-Wright, aye; Mr. Wright aye. Motion carried.

President Martin opened the floor for nominations for president.

Marie LaVere-Wright nominated Tammy Harold for president.

President Martin asked if there were any other nominations for president.

Chuck Irons nominated Chris Wright for president.

President Martin asked if there were any other nominations for president, hearing none he called for a vote. Ballots were read by President Martin, Tammy Harold received 3 votes, Chris Wright received 2 votes. Tammy Harold is the president.

President Harold called for nominations for vice president.

Marie LaVere-Wright nominated Joan Johnson.

President Harold asked if there were any other nominations for vice president. There were no other nominations, Joan Johnson by consensus is the vice president.

Director Wright moved to appoint Chuck Irons as Secretary Director LaVere-Wright seconded the motion

Vote: Mrs. Harold, aye; Mr. Irons, aye; Mrs. Johnson, aye; Mrs. LaVere-Wright, aye; Mr. Wright aye. Motion carried.

Director Wright moved to appoint Marie LaVere-Wright Treasurer. Director Johnson seconded the motion

Vote: Mrs. Harold, aye; Mr. Irons, aye; Mrs. Johnson, aye; Mrs. LaVere-Wright, aye; Mr. Wright aye. Motion carried.

The new Board members introduced their families.

Chris Wright left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

7.02 Appointment of Assistant to the Board and Assistant Treasurer

In following Board of Education Policy BDA – after the organizational meeting of the Board the Executive Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education and the Assistant Treasurer is to be appointed.

President Harold requested a motion to approve action item 7.02

Director LaVere-Wright moved to appoint Loretta Branham as the Assistant to the Board and Brett Ridgway as Assistant Treasurer to the Board of Education. Director Johnson seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Harold, aye; Mr. Irons, aye; Mrs. Johnson, aye; Mrs. LaVere-Wright, aye; Motion carried.

8:00 Information Items

8.01 District and School Improvement Plan Presentation

Amber Whetstine, Coordinator of School Improvement/Professional Development gave a presentation to the Board.

As part of the District Accreditation Process, a District Unified Improvement Plan has been developed with input from each of the four District Innovation Zones, Learning Services, Human Resources, and the District Accountability Advisory Committee. The plan specifically describes action steps that the District will take to work toward continuous improvement in eliminating growth gaps and attaining Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

As part of the School Accreditation Process, School Unified Improvement Plans have been developed by school leadership teams with input from the School Accountability Advisory Committees at each school. The plans specifically describe action steps that the schools will take to work toward continuous improvement in Academic Achievement, Academic Growth, Growth Gaps, Post-Secondary Work Force Readiness and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)

A Unified Improvement Plan allows schools, Innovation Zones and Departments to focus improvement efforts (time, resources, etc.) to impact student achievement in the areas where the most improvement is needed. The development of the District and School Unified Improvement Plans is a requirement by the Colorado Department of Education as part of the Accreditation Process.

Elementary Schools

Evans International Elementary School –Performance Plan

Falcon Elementary School - Performance Plan

Meridian Ranch International School - Performance Plan

Odyssey Elementary School - Performance Plan
Remington Elementary School - Performance Plan
Springs Ranch Elementary School - Performance Plan
Woodmen Hills Elementary School - Performance Plan

Middle Schools

Falcon Middle School –Performance Plan
Horizon Middle School –Performance Plan

High Schools

Falcon High School - Performance Plan
Sand Creek High School - Performance Plan
Patriot Learning Center –Performance Plan
Falcon Virtual Academy–Priority Improvement Plan

Charter Schools

Banning Lewis Ranch - Performance Plan
Pikes Peak School of Expeditionary Learning –Improvement Plan
Rocky Mountain Classical Academy –Performance Plan
Imagine Classical Academy - Performance Plan

8.02 Ethics, Conflict of Interest and Standards

Brad Miller, Legal Counsel to the Board of Education gave a presentation to the Board. The Board has legal duties and implied duties. He reviewed proscribed acts that are not permitted. There are things by statute that Board members should not do. The open meetings law, Use of Email, open records law, and executive sessions were discussed.

9.00 Other Business

9.01 Executive Session: Discussion of Individual students where public disclosure would adversely affect the person or persons involved as authorized by section 24-6-402(4)(h) of the Colorado Revised Statutes and to receive legal advice from our attorney, as authorized by section 24-6-402 (b) of the Colorado Revised Statutes. Advice to the Board regarding pending legal matters including those involving students, contract issues, and regarding charter school appeal and other charter school matters.

The Board took a break at 8:00 p.m. and came back into session at 8:20 p.m.

President Harold requested a motion to go into executive session.

Director LaVere-Wright moved that we go into executive session for the purpose of discussion of Individual students where public disclosure would adversely affect the person or persons involved as authorized by section 24-6-402(4)(h) of the Colorado Revised Statutes and to receive legal advice from our attorney, as authorized by section 24-6-402 (b) of the Colorado Revised Statutes. Advice to the Board regarding pending legal matters including those involving students, contract issues, and regarding charter school appeal and other charter school matters. Director Johnson seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Harold, aye; Mr. Irons, aye; Mrs. Johnson, aye; Mrs. LaVere-Wright, aye;
Motion carried.

The Board went into executive session at 8:22 p.m. with the following people present: President Tammy Harold, Director Chuck Irons, Director Joan Johnson, Director Marie LaVere-Wright,

Becky Carter Chief Education Officer, Brad Miller Board Legal Council and Loretta Branham recording secretary.

President Harold requested a motion to return to regular session.

Director LvVere-Wright moved to return to regular session. Director Johnson seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Harold, aye; Mr. Irons, aye; Mrs. Johnson, aye; Mrs. LaVere-Wright, aye;
Motion carried.

The Board returned to regular session at 9:13 p.m.

President Harold directed Loretta to gather all signed contracts of Central Office administrators, Innovation Leaders and individual contractor regarding with communication.

President Harold asked if there was any other business.

11.00 Adjournment

President Harold requested a motion to adjourn.

Director Johnson moved to adjourn. Director LaVere-Wright seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Harold, aye; Mr. Irons, aye; Mrs. Johnson, aye; Mrs. LaVere-Wright, aye;
Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Tammy Harold, Board President

Chuck Irons, Board Secretary